

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

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CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 March 2014)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2013	1	0	1
2014	778	240	1018
2015	686	188	874
2016	682	188	870
2017	857	257	1114
WING	3004	873	3877

❖ These numbers include international students.

THIS MONTH IN AIR FORCE ACADEMY HISTORY—HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY—1 APRIL:

6 May 1966 -- The Falcon Foundation gives the Academy the “Gallery of Great Airmen”, with its 67 portraits. The portraits are displayed in the exemplar area of Fairchild Hall.

6 May 1988 -- The Tuskegee sculpture “The Black Airman” is dedicated. The statue, displayed on the Honor Court, was sculpted by Tuskegee Airman Clarence Shivers. It was donated by the Hooks-Jones Chapter (Colorado) of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

12 May 1999 -- General Colin L. Powell, United States Army, is presented the 1998 Thomas D. White Award during a visit to the Air Force Academy. The award, established in 1962, is presented annually to a U.S. citizen who has contributed significantly to the national defense of the United States.

13 May 2003 -- The book Falconry at the US Air Force Academy, authored by A. P. Clark and sponsored by The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library is released. Also released is the Friends-contracted DVD, Falconry at the Air Force Academy, produced by Word One.

15 May 1961 -- The Air Force Academy Preparatory School is activated, per General Order 10, HQ USAFA. Colonel Lee Black was its first commander.

16 May 1959 -- President Dwight Eisenhower makes a brief, informal visit to the Academy. He was the first person to receive a Class of '59 diploma, which was presented to him by Cadet Herbert Adamson, the Cadet Wing Commander. Eisenhower was the second person to be named an honorary member of '59, joining Lieutenant General Hubert Harmon, former Academy Superintendent. Incidentally, Eisenhower and Harmon were both members of the West Point Class of '15.

19 May 1978 -- The Academy hosts the 1978 Colorado Special Olympics competition. More than 2,000 youths from around the state participated. This was the first time a service academy hosted a state Special Olympics event.

20 May 2009 -- First Lieutenant Roslyn Schulte, Class of 06, becomes the first female graduate killed in action when she dies from injuries sustained in an improvised explosive device explosion in Afghanistan

31 May 1976 -- The new dormitory is dedicated and named Sijan Hall, in honor of Captain Lance P. Sijan, Class of '65, the first and so far only graduate to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

UPCOMING DATES 2014/2015:

28 May 14	2014 Graduation
31 May 14	Summer Session 1 begins
21 Jun 14	Summer Session 1 ends (must check in by 10:00 am)
21 Jun 14	Summer Session 2 begins
26 Jun 14	In-processing, Class of 2018 (6:45 am – 12:00 pm drop-off Appointee at Designated time)
27 Jun 14	Swearing-In Ceremony (8:30 am)
9 Jul 14	<u>Prep School</u> - Prior Enlisted report (in-processing)
11 Jul 14	Field Day (6:30 am) View access only—no basic cadet interaction-Athletic Fields
12 Jul 14	Summer Session 2 ends (must check in by 10:00 am)
12 Jul 14	Summer Session 3 begins
12 Jul 14	Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo
16 Jul 14	<u>Prep School</u> - Direct Entry report (in-processing)
19 Jul 14	Doolie Day Out (Sponsors pick up approx. 9:30 am) Cadets can have cell phones today
21 Jul 14	March out to Jacks Valley (6:30 am)
1 Aug 14	March back from Jacks Valley (7:30 am)
2 Aug 14	Session 3 ends. Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm hours
4 Aug 14	Laptops Issued
5 Aug 14	Freshman E-mail should be up on e-mail
5 Aug 14	Acceptance Parade (9:00 am)
13 Aug	New Semester Classes Start (tentative)
29 Aug – 1 Sept	Parents Weekend. See link for last year's info.
25 Nov – 30 Nov	Thanksgiving Break LMD. Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 30 Nov 14
20 Dec – 4 Jan 15	Winter Break Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 4 Jan 15
20 Mar - 29 Mar 15	Spring Break (Last Military Duty [LMD]). Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 29 Mar 15
28 May 15	2015 Graduation

GRADUATION INFORMATION Graduation webpage link for more information:

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/index.cfm?catname=graduation>

Below is some information that parents may find helpful in their planning purposes.

CADET USAFANET (e-mail) ACCOUNTS. Cadet First Class accounts will be maintained until all second Lieutenants remaining in PCS/Casual status and all late graduates are identified. Once these personnel are identified their accounts will be moved to the appropriate organizational unit while all other cadet first class accounts will be deleted. (normally in mid-Jul). All cadets should back up data from any network drives NLT 31 May 14. Parents might want to remind their graduates to save their data otherwise it will be deleted.

PRE AND POST GRADUATION CADET AREA PARKING. Parent vehicles will be allowed into the cadet area beginning on 27 May 2014 from 1600 to 2300 and on 28 May 2014 after the graduation ceremony if accompanied or escorted by a cadet. Graduation vehicle parking passes are required. Immediately following graduation ceremonies, graduates will be allowed to load their vehicle/out process until 1700. One vehicle pass per graduate (no exceptions) will be issued the same time that graduation tickets are issued. Someone must remain with the vehicle while in the cadet area. Parking for any other activities will be at the Field House parking lot. Graduates must inform their guests of this policy.

TEMPORARY RESERVED PARKING. No parking slot will be "coned" or reserved in the cadet area for any event or purpose without first coordinating such action with CWTMS. (USAFA/CWTMS/333-2521)

TRAFFIC FLOW. Traffic flow in the cadet area will be restricted to personnel with authorized vehicle passes or stickers.

SHUTTLE BUSES FOR RING DINING-OUT ON 23 MAY 14, BACCALAUREATE SERVICES ON 25 MAY 14, AND THE GRADUATION RECEPTION/DANCE ON 27 May 14. Main parking for the Ring Dining-Out/Dance, Graduation Reception/Dance, and Baccalaureate Services will be in the Field House and Harmon Hall parking lots. Shuttle buses will run continuously from the front entrance of the Field House, up Cadet Drive, via the north road to the drop-off point on the west side of Mitchell Hall. Distinguished visitor guests to these events who have authorized parking passes may park under Fairchild Hall and utilize the west elevators ("Dean's elevators") to the Terrazzo level. For events at Arnold Hall or the Cadet chapel, the shuttles will include the Arnold Hall traffic circle or the Chapel parking lot as a drop-off/pick-up point as appropriate.

GRADUATION RECEPTION TICKET PROCEDURES. Graduating cadets may purchase tickets to attend the Graduation Reception held on 27 May 2014. Ticket sales will start on 1 Apr 2014 and continue through 23 May 2014. Guest tickets may be purchased for \$15 per person (plus any applicable fees or surcharges); there is no charge for cadets to attend. Tickets may be purchased as follows:

a. **Guest tickets** may be purchased from 1 April–23 May 2014 from **Academy Concerts**, located in Arnold Hall. Tickets may be purchased in person or by phone at (719) 333-4497, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Credit cards (Visa or Master Card) are accepted.

b. **Guest tickets** may also be purchased by **graduating cadets** on the Mitchell Hall Staff Tower from 1–23 May 2014 at lunch time. Cash, check or credit cards (Visa or Master Card) are accepted.

c. **Please be aware that the Graduation Reception is a stand up reception with limited seating.** All tickets must be purchased in advance.

VISITOR CONTROL. Cadets must receive AOC and/or AMT approval to escort visitors in the dormitories and must escort all visitors while in the dorms, Terrazzo, Mitchell Hall, Fairchild Hall, and Fairchild Annex. The general public is restricted from entering buildings in the cadet area, except those normally open for visitor tours. Visitors will not be allowed on the Terrazzo without escort by a cadet or a cadet area badge holder and may not be on the Terrazzo during Cadet Wing formations.

GRADUATION TICKETS FOR STAFF/LOWER CLASSMEN. Extra tickets must be picked up in person at the Athletic Sales office. Contact sales office for when the tickets will be available.

CADET MEDIA:

You may order the 2014 USAFA Graduation DVD and 2014 POLARIS Yearbook through the Office of Cadet Wing Media. The DVD includes every graduate, Graduation Week activities excerpts and Class of 2014 bonus material. This DVD is the only graduation product officially sanctioned by the USAF Academy. Click **here** to order your 2014 Polaris yearbook and/or Graduation DVD.

Congratulate your cadet on their accomplishment with a message in the 2014 POLARIS yearbook, submit online **here** or by typing in <http://wpccolorado.com/usafa/> into your browser. Sizes include 1/32, 1/16 text only ad, or 1/8 or larger that includes image.

Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch has been contracted to provide professional photographs of your cadet at the Graduation Ball and photographs of your cadet receiving his/her diploma at the Graduation Ceremony. The contract photographer will mail proofs to each graduating cadet's home of record within six weeks after graduation with instructions for purchasing these photographs. If you do not receive a proof from the photographer, please contact Lifetouch directly. Click [here](#) to order Graduation ball photos and [here](#) for graduation ceremony photo information. For more information call (800) 426-9533, go online at <http://events.lifetouch.com/usairforceacademycoloradospringsco> or write to Lifetouch, 1170 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI 02920, Attn: AFA Grad.

You may contact Cadet Wing Media by calling (719) 333-4644, sending an email to cwmedia@usafa.edu or writing to 10 FSS/FSLAM, P.O. Box 6066, USAFA CO 80841-6066. Visit their web page at <http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>.

CLASSES OF 2015 AND 2016 VEHICLES: Cadets in the Classes of 2015 and 2016 will refer to AFCWMAN 36-3501, *The Cadet Sight Picture*, and obtain academic year AOC approval before acquiring a vehicle. Cadets must register their vehicles on base within 5 duty days after the motor vehicle arrives at the Academy. Cadets will not park new or existing vehicles in the Harmon Hall parking lots at any time.

- a. Cadets in the class of 2016 will not be authorized vehicles until after the graduation ceremony.
- b. Cadets who are planning to pick up their vehicles during the summer must still obtain permission from their academic year AOC (gaining or losing) by submitting an AFCW IMT 42, Request to Own/Maintain a Motor Vehicle.
- c. If cadets will exceed the 150-mile limit to pick up their vehicles, procedures outlined in AFCWMAN 36-3501, *The Cadet Sight Picture*, concerning extended limits beyond 150 miles, will apply. Cadets will not be excused from any scheduled duty to pick up their vehicles. Cadets in the Class of 2016 may not apply for extended limits for this purpose until after the graduation ceremony.

PHOTO ACCESS FOR PARENTS: The U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs office provides command information to the installation and the public. One of the ways we do this is through social media venues such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. All information provided is official, but there is also fun stuff on there too. Did you know you can download photos from our Facebook page, for free?

FB: www.facebook.com/USAFA.Official

Twitter: @AF_Academy

Instagram: AF_Academy

SUPT Twitter: @USAFA_SUPT

We also want your Academy photos. Upload them to Instagram using #YourAcademy, you might see it on Facebook and Twitter. If you have any questions, please call the Public Affairs office at 719-333-7731.

There are also more **FREE** pictures on the USAFA webpage. You can gain access from our website, <http://www.usafa.af.edu/> and go to the Commandants tab, cadet photos and select class year.

The Association of Graduates (AOG) also provides pictures for a cost by class year. For example the class of 2017 costs \$20.17 per month. You can sign up with their Webguy using this link: <http://www.usafawebguy.com/>.

SUMMER COMMERCIAL BUS TRANSPORTATION: 10th Force Support Squadron **will not** be offering transportation this year. Cadets can make arrangements for transportation to and from Denver International and Colorado Springs Airports by contacting Colorado Springs Shuttle, LLC, 719-687-3456/1-877-587-3456, <http://www.coloradoshuttle.com/index.php>.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR 2018 PARENTS:

In-processing Day (26 Jun, based on your squadrons check-in time): As far as in-processing day. There will not be anything for parents to do before you drop off your cadet. You will show up, at the specified time for your cadet, and get a quick brief and then your cadet will be separated from family and friends and begin official in-processing. There is a small parents information fair right where you will drop your cadet off. After that you can check out the cadet chapel, visitors center, or other available Academy sites – such as the Heritage Trail at Doolittle Hall. On Friday (27 Jun at 8:30 am) there is the Class of 2018 swearing in ceremony where you can watch the class searing-in. Just stand along the chapel wall overlooking the terrazzo. They will be below you. Some people make signs of encouragement etc... for their cadet. Advise you arrive early to get a good spot and for parking.

Bus time arrival from hotels and In-Process times: Appointees who are riding a bus from a hotel will in-process when they arrive (if arriving after their in-processing time) or wait until their flight in-processing time. If dropping off your cadet please do so at the appointment time so they can in-process as a squadron.

Communicating with Your Cadet During Basic Cadet Training (BCT): BCT consists of two parts – 1st BCT, which is conducted in the Cadet Area, and 2nd BCT, conducted in Jacks Valley. Mail is the only way to communicate during this time. Mail those letters and cards. Cadets won't be allowed phone calls and the letters from family and friends mean so much to them. Encourage them to hang in there. It gets better, and once the Fall semester starts they will have e-mail and can have their cell phones fulltime (if earned in some squadrons). Cadets will also have time to write letters as well, and are encouraged to do so by their trainers.

Jacks Valley (March out 21 Jul 14, [0630]), March back 1 Aug [0730]): This is the location of second part of BCT. The cadets are sent on "Deployment" to a tent city where they learn combat skills, train on the obstacle course, confidence course, and assault course, and participate in team building exercises.

Parent Clubs: Are you a member of a parent club yet? If you wish to be I would be happy to give you the nearest parent club. Just send contact information. Parent Clubs are a wealth of information. They have been where you are and can help you adjust. Parent Clubs are also how the USAFA Parent Club Liaison gets the word out of changes or news fast to USAFA Parents.

Privacy Act Release for Parent Clubs: You will also be getting in the mail a letter from my office with a yellow letter and card referencing Parent Clubs. Even if I give you the parent club contact, please have your cadet fill out and sign as it allows me to release Privacy Act information (P.O. box) to the parent club. I will use this for the whole four years your cadet is here at the Academy. The parent clubs send goodie bags during finals, or care packages, graduation gifts etc... There is also a year-group POC that does coins, graduation gifts etc...for the whole class. For example, I have POCs for each year group, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016. There will be one for 2018 as well.

Privacy Act Release of cadet information to Parents: Please know that unless your cadet gives the USAF Academy specific permission to release Privacy Act information, to include Academic or medical information, we will only be able to discuss the procedures. Your cadet is an adult and your first action should be to ask them. They can give permission to release Academic and not medical or vice versa or to release both or neither. You can contact their Commander (AOC), but start with your cadet.

Family Emergencies: Feel free to contact your cadet's AOC or AMT in case of family emergencies. You can also contact me if you need their phone numbers or need me to contact them for you. The commanders really do try and work out emergencies as quickly as possible.

Parent Newsletters: You can go to the following website to have access to the monthly Parent Newsletters: <http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/cma/newsletters.cfm>.

Sponsor Family: You can get a sponsor for your cadet by e-mailing: Cadet.Sponsor@usafa.edu. This is a really good program. It is a home away from home where your cadet can get away from the campus and chill. Many sponsor families keep their cadets for their whole four years and become lifelong friends.

Doolie Day Out (DDO) (19 Jul 14): The sponsor families pick the cadets up around 0930 or so and take them back to their house for the afternoon. This is the day your cadet will be able to call you during BCT. Only registered sponsor families with assignment letters will be permitted to enter the pick-up area. They must have their assignment letter and dash pass, to be exact. If for some reason someone makes it all the way in without these documents, the cadet will be reported and there will be serious consequences for the cadet upon return. The cadets will be briefed about being released only to the family they are assigned to for the day. Your cadet will be able to talk with you on this day.

Parents from out-of-state should **NOT** come to town in hopes of spending Doolie Day Out with their son/daughter on this day. Doolie Day Out is for sponsor families to get to know their sponsored cadets. The appropriate time for parents to come is on Parents' Weekend. They may then meet their son/daughter's sponsor families if they so desire.

Sponsor Families access to USAFA: Sponsor Families have access to the base during visiting hours unless they have a DoD issued Identification (ID). Sponsor families who do not have an approved ID can get issued a DBIDs card to be able to pick up their cadet at any time required (using South gate after Northgate is closed) by working with the Cadet sponsor POC and admissions office. Cadet Sponsor program's e-mail is cadet.sponsor@usafa.edu , (719) 333-2727.

Acceptance Day Parade (5 Aug, 0900): If you are close you can spend 1 or 2 hours or so with your cadet after the parade. You must stay on campus and suggest you bring a picnic lunch or you will spend all your time in line at Subway or Godfather's Pizza in Arnold Hall. Appointees will not be allowed cell phones so plan on meeting up on the parade field afterward. Shoulder boards have to be put on Cadets, but parents are allowed on the field to observe. To help you find your cadet the squadrons are organized from left to your right. Cadets squadrons 1-10 followed by squadrons 11-20. To the right of the center are Cadet squadrons 21- 30 and 31-40.

Parents' Weekend Website: <http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/parentsweekend/?catname=Parents%27%20Weekend>. This has lots of information for your planning purposes. Also, make your hotel reservations now. Many parents make the reservations a year out for Parents weekend and Graduation. 4 Degrees must wear their uniforms during your visit. On Friday you can have lunch with your cadet and go to their classes and see their dorm rooms etc...Parents Weekend is always Labor Day Weekend. Note: Cadets must sit with the other cadets during the football game on Saturday. After that they will be released to you for the weekend and must return on Monday. See schedule of events for times on the website for more information. It hasn't been updated yet for 2014, but still has great information on what to expect.

Printers or supplies: Many parents bring any supplies etc...during Parents' weekend. Please note that many squadrons view printers as a privilege and must be earned. So you may bring it, but the cadet may have to earn the right to put it in their room. They will get issued a laptop or tablet. As soon as I know that information I

will put it in the parent newsletter. Advise the Appointee to verify with Air Officer Commanding or Academy Military Training for approval prior to sending.

Combat Boots: Combat boots must have the following characteristics or they will not be allowed to be worn: Sage Green color, Round Toe, Water Resistant, Rubber Sole, No Steel Toe. The boots normally cost \$150+ if you buy on your own, but costs only \$97 from USAFA. The boots issued are very easy to break in. The recommendation is for the cadet to get them here. If they don't meet the standards or are not uniform with the other cadets they will not be allowed to wear them here.

Bigger size feet (Tennis Shoes): Cadet Issue may not have an appointee's tennis shoe size (if they have bigger size feet) immediately on hand so therefore it would be a good idea for the appointee to even wear them to in-processing so that they don't need to pack them in their back pack.

Prep School Cadet Uniforms: Preppies who are accepted into the Academy can bring their ABUs, boot, and leather shoes but they will also be issued all new uniforms and items. With the exception of the ABUs, cadet uniforms are completely different from those issued at the Prep School.

Scholarships: Date USAFA can start to receive them is (TBD). The checks would still be made payable to US Treasury and memo the student's full name and social security number. Mail checks to: HQ USAFA/FMF, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 2200, USAF Academy CO 80840-5035. Cadet pay's phone number is (719) 333-6994 if you have specific questions. (More specific information should be coming out within the next month or so)

Cash for In-Processing: Appointees can bring a credit card if necessary. The cadets are buying their cleaning and school supplies from the AAFES Shoppette and a credit card is taken there. Uniforms and equipment come through payroll.

Proof of Cadet Health Insurance: To get proof of insurance cadets can either e-mail Glenda Phillipsglenda.phillips@us.af.mil, phone (719) 333-5281 (USAFA TRICARE for cadets) and she can e-mail them their proof of insurance or they can stop by the cadet clinic and the folks there can print out the proof. Parents sometime wish to get the cadet off their insurance and their companies may require proof of coverage. Some parents wait awhile to ensure their cadet will be staying at the Academy to ensure no loss of coverage.

POST OFFICE BOX, FEDERAL EXPRESS, UPS, and DHL INFORMATION

From the USAFA Postmaster:

The correct mailing address for your cadet is crucial. Mail not deliverable due to the incorrect address or insufficient information will be returned to the sender or sent to the Dead Letter Office (if there is no return address).

In addition to regular mail (envelopes) you may also send packages to the post office box and the cadets will receive a note in the boxes instructing them to pick up their packages at the counter. The address must be complete and correct. 2016 appointees were sent their P.O. Box number with their appointment package (on cover page). (Note that the zip code for cadets is 80841 rather than 80840.) The correct address for all cadets is below:

John Doe
PO Box xxxx (post office box number)
USAFA CO 80841-xxxx (post office box number)

(If you wish, you can also put the cadet rank (C4C, C3C, etc... before the name or as a basic cadet it should be "Basic Cadet John Doe"))

If you choose to send a package via **Federal Express, UPS or DHL**, you need a street address. They will not deliver to a post office box. The pickup location, called Pak Mail, is in the Cadet Book Store in Vandenberg Hall. Below is the correct mailing address:

John Doe (add the rank before the name if you wish)
Pak Mail
2360 Vandenberg Dr.
USAFA CO 80840-xxxx (*post office box number)

*The post office box number is added to this as a 4 digit zip+4 as a means of identification when the cadet picks up the package at Pak Mail.

Cadet Contact: Don't be surprised when you can't talk with your cadet much or they don't get back to you quickly. They will have very limited time due to classes, studying, and military duties/classes. They have to learn to juggle and prioritize many things so be patient with them.

Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo (12 Jul 14): The Basic Cadets take time out of their busy summer schedule to attend the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo in Colorado Springs. This year it is the 74th annual rodeo. The afternoon gives your cadet a chance to relax and enjoy one of the area's oldest western heritage traditions. This year they will attend the matinee performance on 12 Jul 14. However, the cadets will not be allowed to interact with family or friends at the rodeo.

SILVER/BLUE Weekends: Silver Training Weekends means there is official military training on the weekend. Blue Training Days means cadets should have free time with no official training. These weekends may change based on the cadet wing requirements/needs. Always check with your cadet for the latest.

Hometown News Release: Your cadet (not parents...the cadets are adults) can go to the following link and put in a Hometown News release for their achievements here at USAFA (once they are in-processed). The cadet has to release their Privacy Act Information for the article to be use. Please note that you must have a CAC card (active duty ID) to use this program. Parents can no longer update for their cadet.

<https://jhns.release.dma.mil/public>

Approved Academic Calendar 2014//2015

The link for the calendar is: <http://www.usafa.af.mil/academics/calendar.asp>.

Care Packages during BCT: Do not send care packages during BCT. Cadets may receive them after the Acceptance Parade. If you send before then, it will be held until then so send only nonperishables.

Ways to send your love to your Cadet throughout the Year: There are several ways to send gifts to your cadet.

CADET TREATS: Cadet Treats delivers all Valentine's Day gifts, care packages, gift baskets, balloons, flowers, and birthday cakes directly to your cadet's squadron Monday-Friday. Check out our website at www.USAFAsupport.com/Cadet-Activities/Cadet-Treats. Call our staff at (719)333-3908 or toll free at (877) 9-CADETS (922-3387) and we'll create a personalized gift for your cadet with just one call. These gifts will be delivered to your cadet's Squadron Charge of Quarters (CQ).

NOTE: Other deliveries can be sent to Arnold Hall for your cadet to pick up. (online orders for example) Sorry it can't be a surprise. The address is 10 FSS/FSL, 2302 Cadet Dr., USAFA, 80840. Please ensure your cadet's name and Squadron is on the delivery receipt so they can contact your cadet for pickup.

Emergency Contact Form POC: Please contact the Cadet Personnel office at 719-333-3244,

BCT Turnbacks In-processing: Cadets who were administratively turned back and are returning won't have access online to find out their Squadron until they in-process. Turnback cadets can in-process at any time on in-processing day. Cadet Personnel works squadron information and may or not be able get that information to the cadet before in-processing. If cadets have questions they must contact Cadet Personnel at (719) 333-1043.

High School Excusals: If you have a high school student needs to come out for a formal tour and will miss school, USAFA Admissions can do an excusal letter for a College visit. You can contact 1-800-443-9266 or e-mail rr_webmail@usafa.edu. The admissions website is: <http://www.academyadmissions.com/>.

Photo access for parents:

The U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs office provides command information to the installation and the public. One of the ways we do this is through social media venues such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. All information provided is official, but there is also fun stuff on there too. Did you know you can download photos from our Facebook page, for free?

FB: www.facebook.com/USAFA.Official

Twitter: @AF_Academy

Instagram: AF_Academy

We also want your Academy photos. Upload them to Instagram using #YourAcademy, you might see it on Facebook and Twitter. If you have any questions, please call the Public Affairs office at 719-333-7731.

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Association of Graduates (AOG): The AOG is the alumni association for the Air Force Academy. The AOG has a website worthy of periodic perusal for information about the Academy and the graduate community: <http://www.usafa.org/>. Parents can become members of the AOG while your cadet is a cadet. The AOG also has a "WEBGUY" who takes pictures of the cadets during and after Basic Training, and for a fee you can access these photos. Each member whether a graduate, parent, or friend of the Academy, helps maintain and expand current programs as well as develop new ones. Call Don McCarthy, (719) 472-0300, ext. 139 or email at Don.McCarthy@aogusafa.org, if you have any questions.

1. Freshman parents can become members by going to the below link as a Club Member. Please note there is a monthly charge to become a member and WEBGUY is not part of USAFA Cadet Media (which is at no cost and can be accessed by internet also), but the AOG does take lots of pictures. Check out the site. WEBGUY is separate than my office as Parent Liaison –no charge. (Sometimes new parents think they have already signed up for a parent club during in-processing fair when they get to my table.)

<http://www.usafawebguy.com/aog-usafa-class-club>

2. Other class year parents can obtain regular memberships by signing up at the following website.

<http://www.usafa.org/Membership>

USAFA Endowment Fund Information

Each fall, parents receive a call from the USAFA Endowment and are asked to become Sabre Society level donors to the Air Force Academy Fund. Over the last three years, parents have contributed more than \$2.5 million to the Air Force Academy Fund.

The USAFA Endowment's Air Force Academy Fund is an annual, unrestricted fund that enables the Endowment and the Association of Graduates to fulfill their missions in support of the Academy. The primary purpose of the Air Force Academy Fund is to provide private, unrestricted funds in support of a variety of cadet and graduate programs, capital projects and key Academy priorities as identified by the Superintendent. Throughout the year, a variety of methods are used to raise these funds. If you have questions about these calls or experience any problems, please feel free to contact the USAFA Endowment at (719) 472-0300. Thank you for all you do for the Academy

Cadet Media: Cadet Media also takes lots of pictures and you can access them online at no costs. You will also order yearbooks class photos etc...through them. Cadet Media's website is:

<http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>

Helpful Websites:

Preparatory School Information: You can also contact Mark Winter at (719) 333-2583, mark.winter@usafa.edu

<http://www.usafa.edu> Look under Prep School link at top right (7th tab)

Academic Calendar website: (2014/2015 calendar)

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/academics/calendar.asp>.

Curriculum Handbook (which also outlines what summer programs are available for cadets in what year):

<http://www.usafa.edu/df/data/CHB2012-2013.pdf>

Cadet Clubs (just a listing of clubs and POCs, not a schedule of where they may be):

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/>

Admissions: (parents can help us recruit future cadets):

<http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

Sports Schedules:

<http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/>

PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Prep School Candidate parents.

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<http://www.usafa.edu> Look under Prep School link at top right (7th tab)

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